
PETITION.

*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in
Parliament Assembled :*

The humble petition of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of Zion Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, sheweth :—

Whereas, we notice, with the deepest regret, the continued and increasing desecration of the Lord's Day, through the avarice of some of the citizens of the Province of British Columbia unlawfully engaging in their several vocations of life on that day, such as :—The exposing for sale of fruits, tobacco, and merchandise of various kinds ; the keeping open of hotel bars, saloons, and billiard halls ; the running and operating of street car lines ; the loading and unloading and coaling of vessels and freight trains ; the running of Sabbath Day excursions, and hack and livery service ; the publishing and sale of newspapers, and many other such forms of work ; and

Whereas, the employees of the several firms and corporations engaged in this unlawful traffic are deprived of their much needed day of rest, of mind and body, and the society and comfort of their families ; and

Whereas, the law-abiding citizens of our Province are placed at a serious disadvantage by this unlawful and unjust competition ; and

Whereas, the aforesaid unlawful work on the Lord's Day is contrary to the teachings of the Holy Bible, the revealed Word of God, and also flagrant violation of the statutes, and Sabbath Observance Laws enacted by our Gracious Sovereign, both in the Imperial Parliament and the Federal Parliament of the Dominion ; and

Whereas, under the existing Consolidated Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, it is extremely difficult to bring to justice and punish the perpetrators of the aforesaid misdemeanors :

Therefore, be it resolved, That this society respectfully submit these facts to the notice and consideration of the Honourable the Premier and members of the Government, and members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia now assembled at Victoria, and pray that such legislation may be enacted at the present Session of the Parliament of British Columbia, making it unlawful for any citizen of the said Province of British Columbia to follow his or her trade, occupation, or calling, on the Lord's Day, except in such works of necessity as may be authorized and licensed by the corporation and rate-payers of the municipality wherein such work is to be performed ; and

Be it further resolved, That, for the preservation and protection of the fish and game of this Province, and for the proper observance of the Sabbath Day, the Government and Legislature of the said Province of British Columbia be asked to so amend the game laws of this said Province as to make every Sabbath Day throughout the year a closed season for all kinds of fish and game.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

LAURA G. BROWN,
President.
ANNA E. FRASER,
Secretary.

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